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MRS. SHIREEN RALMATULLAH

REF: (A) ISLAMABAD 1071

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(C) EMBASSY'S A-125, AUGUST 2, 1974

ON FEBRUARY 26, EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED UPON MR. ABDUR REHMAN,  
DEPUTY SECRETARY, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION, GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
(GOP) FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING SRS FELLOWSHIP AWARDS AND CURRENT GOP  
POLICY CONCERNING SUCH AWARDS. DISCUSSION WAS VERY CONSTRUCTIVE.  
FOLLOWING FUTURE GUIDELINES AGREED UPON IN PRINCIPLE:

(A) EMBASSY WILL REQUEST SRS TO KEEP NUMBER OF TRAVEL FELLOW-  
SHIPS OFFERS MADE TO SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM WHEN  
SUCH TRAVEL IS NOT RELATED TO SPECIFIC RESEARCH PROJECT OR WHEN  
TRAVEL PROJECT-RELATED BUT REQUESTED PRIOR TO OFFICIAL GOP  
APPROVAL OF PROJECT.

(B) CONCERNING REQUESTS IN ABOVE CATEGORY, SRS SHOULD NOTIFY  
PAKISTANI PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR WHEN SRS INITIALLY CONSIDERING  
MAKING OFFER OF TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR SHOULD  
BE URGED TO SEEK APPROVAL OF RELEVANT PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL  
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IMMEDIATELY AND ADVISE SRS OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT'S POSITION AT

THAT TIME. IF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARDS GRANT, A COMMENT TO THIS EFFECT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE FELLOWSHIP LETTER SENT TO THE GOP. THE FELLOWSHIP LETTER SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF PURPOSE OF TRAVEL. FURTHER, PRIOR TO SUGGESTING A SPECIFIC RECIPIENT FOR THE FELLOWSHIP, THE LETTER SHOULD INCLUDE A STATEMENT CLEARLY ACKNOWLEDGING THE GOP RIGHT TO DECLINE AND/OR PROPOSE AN ALTERNATIVE PERSON FOR SRS CONSIDERATION.

(C) IT WAS AGREED THAT TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS INCLUDED IN PROJECT PROPOSALS APPROVED BY THE GOP POSED NO PROBLEM. IN THIS REGARD EMBASSY STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS BE HANDLED IN THIS MANNER. (FYI: GOP APPROVES PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, BUDGET AND GENERAL NATURE OF PROPOSED RESEARCH WHEN APPROVING PROJECT. IF TECHNICAL DETAILS CONCERNING CONDUCT OF PROJECT MODIFIED BASED ON PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR'S TRAVEL TO U.S., SUCH MODIFICATIONS CAN BE WORKED OUT DIRECTLY BY SRS AND PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR WITHOUT SEEKING GOP APPROVAL.)

(D) OFFERS OF TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS TO INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN CONTINUING CONFERENCES (I.E. CONFERENCES IN WHICH PARTICIPATION BY SAME INDIVIDUALS INVITED ON EARLIER OCCASIONS IS ESSENTIAL SUCH AS RECENT CARDIAC CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN) SHOULD STATE REASONS WHY PARTICIPATION OF SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS IS IMPORTANT TO SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE. DETAILS OF EACH PERSON'S CONTRIBUTION TO CONFERENCE EFFORTS SHOULD BE NOTED.

(E) OFFERS OF TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS FOR CONFERENCES NOT IN ABOVE CATEGORY SHOULD NOT BE LINKED TO SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS. MR. REHMAN NOTED IN CONFIDENCE TO EMBASSY OFFICER THAT ABOVE GUIDELINES WOULD SATISFY EAD AND ENABLE HIM TO MAKE POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS WHEN FORWARDING PROPOSALS TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE COULD MAKE NO GUARANTEES THAT MINISTRY OF HEALTH WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO HIS ADVICE ON ALL OCCASIONS. HE NOTED THAT POSSIBLE PROFESSIONAL JEALOUSIES COULD ALWAYS COME INTO PLAY (AS THEY MAY HAVE IN PAST INSTANCES). NEVERTHELESS, HE BELIEVED THAT ADHERENCE TO THE ABOVE GUIDELINES WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR PERSONS IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH TO RAISE OBJECTIONS.

EMBASSY HOPES THESE GUIDELINES ACCEPTABLE AND REQUESTS ANY SRS COMMENTS. (FYI: MRS. SHIREEN RAHMATULLAH'S RESEARCH PROPOSAL APPROVED BY GOP HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IS BEING FORWARDED TO SRS.)

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